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Mr. Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk / Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

2005-295-E

Dear Mr. Terreni:

By copy of this letter, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (the "Company" or "SEC&G") is providing the Public Service Commission with information regarding the proposed transfer of real estate (the "Property") in Lexington, South Carolina to the South Carolina Heritage Trust Program (the "Heritage Trust"). The Company respectfully requests the Public Service Commission waive the legal notification requirement of PSC Order No. 92-931, dated November 13, 1992.

This proposed transfer arises from a Memorandum of Agreement negotiated between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and SCE&G related to issues arising during construction of SCE&G's Metro Columbia Energy Service Complex in Cayce, S.C. Upon transfer, the Property will become part of the Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve operated by Heritage Trust. The Memorandum of Agreement between EPA and SCE&G has been fully negotiated and is awaiting signature by the EPA. The memorandum requires the transfer to be closed within thirty (30) days of the EPA's execution of that document.

The Property is known as the "Moss Creek/Congaree Tract" and is comprised of approximately 14 acres located between Moss Creek Subdivision, the existing Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve, and a CSX rail right-of-way. This parcel includes both wetlands and uplands and is classified as non-utility property. The Property will be transferred based on its appraised value of \$92,000 as determined in an appraisal prepared by the Urso Company, Inc., S.C. Certified General Real Estate Appraiser, dated December 16, 2004.

Accordingly, the Company is requesting a waiver of the regulatory requirement to provide a thirty (30) day public notice of the availability of the property for public sale, pursuant to PSC Order No. 92-931. This request for waiver is respectfully made to serve the public interest as it protects wetlands and will enhance and enlarge the Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve.

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If any other information is needed with respect to this transaction, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,


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